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REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 8, 11, 29 and 30 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration of pending claims 2-4 and 6-30 are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indicated allowability of dependent claim 5, along with dependent claims 6-7, 11-13, 18-20 and 22-28. Accordingly, applicant has amended each of independent claims 2, 8, 29 and 30 to substantially include the limitation of allowable claim 5. In that regard, the independent claims now require a hook member having an extension which extends from a lower end of the hook member in a direction different from a direction in which the hook member extends, so that the insulated electric wire securely wound around the hook member is prevented from falling away from the hook member.

In view of the amendments made with respect to the independent claims, applicant respectfully submits the prior art rejections are now moot. In particular, neither Saito (JP 05-68220), Goodrich et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,809,393), Franklin (U.S. Patent No. 5,393,025), Ishii et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,600) or Stone et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,597,567) disclose, suggest or teach a hook member having "an extension which extends from a lower end of the hook member in a direction different from a direction in which the hook member

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extends, so that the insulated electric wire securely wound around the hook member is prevented from falling away from the hook member".

Also, applicant respectfully submits the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is now also moot.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

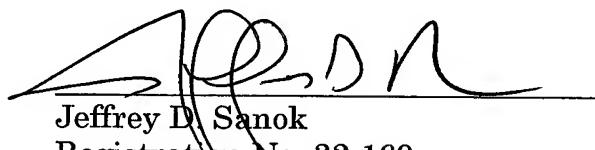
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038850.53928US).

Respectfully submitted,

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